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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI + keywords: mouth oral shield seal vestib teeth intraoral diffus and similar terms		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4495945 A (LIEGNER) 29 January 1985 Whole document	1-5, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27-33
Y	Whole document	7, 9, 12, 21, 24, 26
Y	US 2002/0069872 A1 (GRADON et al) 13 June 2002 Whole document	21, 24, 26, 43, 47, 48
Y	US 5590643 A (FLAM) 7 January 1997 Whole document	7, 9, 12
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Y	WO 1990003199 A1 (FORENINGEN LIM) 5 April 1990 Whole document	1, 2, 12, 15, 16, 20, 27-30, 43, 47, 48, 50- 54
Y	WO 1995014507 A1 (BEUCHAT FRANCE) 1 June 1995 Whole document	1, 2, 12, 15, 16, 20, 27-30
Y	US 4895143 A (FISHER) 23 January 1990 Columns 4-6	50-52
Y	WO 1999058181 A1 (GOLDSTEIN) 18 November 1999 Pages 6-16	50, 51
Y	US 4098270 A (DOLBY) 4 July 1978 Whole document	50, 51, 53, 54

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Mouthpiece or system including mouthpiece for oral delivery of gases having gas passageway through mouthpiece
Claims 1-36 and means to diffuse gases at the patient receiving end
Claims 43-49 and means to alter distance between a vestibular shield and an extra oral sealing means
Claims 50-55 and nose attachment connected to upper edge of an extra oral sealing means
Common feature of mouthpiece having gas passageway therethrough is not novel in light of WO 1990003199.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-36 and 37-42 (see below)
As claims 37-42 could be searched without effort justifying additional fee, these claims were searched without inviting payment of an additional fee.

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Information on patent family members

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